ties in twelve important long distance superfarst trains;

(b) if so, what are the details of the amenities to be provided and names of trains; and

(c) whether Government propose to extend similar facilities for other trains also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) Names of 18 pairs of trains nominated as in the Pilot Scheme for "Zero missing amenity fittings" is given in the statement attached (*See* below). Details of amenities on the train are as per the scale prescribed and include items like lights, fans, bathroom fittings, shutters etc.

(c) More trains will be nominated after receiving the feed back of the pilot scheme.

Statement

Availability of all passenger amenities on Important Long Distance Trains

18 Pair of trains have been identified for the scheme.

1. 2113/2114 Bombay Pune Indrayani Express
2. 2133/2134 Bombay VT Lucknow Pushpak Express
3. 1449/1450 Jabalpur Nizamuddin Mahakoshal Express
4. 2301/2302 Delhi Howrah Rajdhani Express
5. 2381/2303/2382/2304 Delux Express
6. 3143/3144 Sealdah New Jalpaiguri Darjeeling Mail
7. 2001/2002 Shatabdi Expresg between New Delhi-Bhopal
8. 2003/2004 Shatabdi Express between New Delhi-Lucknow
9. 2005/2006 Shatabdi Express between Delhi-Kalka
10. 2621/2622 Tamil Nadu Express
11. 2625/2626 Kerala Express
12. 2627/2628 Karnataka Express
13. 8013/8014 Steel Express
14. 8011/8012 Ispat Express
15. 9001/9002 Gujarat Mail
16. 2951/2952 New Delhi Bombay Rajdhani Express
17. 2905/2906 Ashram Express
18. 2901/2902 Pink City Express

Funds for upgradation of Tinsukia Railway Station

3963. SHRI MATANG SING: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had sanctioned funds for upgradation of Tinsukia Railway Station to the level of Divisional office;

(b) if so, the progress made in the work; and .....

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed? .....

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) A Railway Division is already working at Tinsukia. Certain works viz. construction of addtional office/residential accommodation pertaining to development of infrastructure have also been taken up.

(c) These works will be completed by 31.3.1995, subject to availability of funds.

Installation of Elaborate Announcement System

3964. SHRI SURSESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of major railway stations in the country with elaborate announcement system;

(b) whether the system works round the clock at such stations;

(c) what is the total number of prominent railway stations without proper announcement system; and

(d) What steps Government have taken to provide the announcement system for the benefit of Passengers at Prominent Railway Stations in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 970

(b) The timings of the working of public address system are fixed keeping in view the requirement at each station.

(c) Nil, Sir.

(d) All the major railway stations in the country have been provided with announcement system. However, this facility is being gradually extended to more stations.

Railway Tracks

3965. SHRI VENOD SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the accumulated arrears of railways tracks renewals at the end of Sixth and Seventh five year plan in the country;

(b) what target was set for renewal of tracks during the Seventh plan and 1990-91 and 1991-92 and tracks actually renewed;

(c) what is the backlog of track renewal at the beginning of the Five Year Plan;

(d) whether it is proposed to wipe out the entire arrears by the end of 1992; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the financial requirements for clearing the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Arrears of track renewals at the end of VIth and VIIth plan were 19,500 Kms. and 12,000 Kms. respectively.

(Figures in complete track Units-Kms.)

Period	Targetted	Actual
VIIth Plan 1985-1991) . . .	19,000	19,623
1990-91 .	3,500	3,611
1991-92 . .	3,325	3,360

(c) The assessed level of arrears at the commencement of VIIIth Plan (1.4.92) is 9,600 Kms.

(d) No Sir, with the level of allocations for track Renewals in VIII plan, only bulk of arrears on trunk routes and important BG lines would be wiped out in the VIII plan. The conversion policy will also bring down existing arrears of renewals significantly on MG system.

(e) Does not arise.

Freight operation information system project

3966. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Freight Operation Information System Project approved in 1989, is under implementation by the Centre for Railway Information Service (CRIS); and

(b) if so, what is the present status in implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The preparatory work in connection with the implementation of the computer segment of the project have been taken up by Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS). However, the pace and phasing of implementation will depend upon availability of funds.